

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting: June 28, 2018**

Item Number: **116**

**Economic Development Department**

Approve a resolution authorizing the submittal of a transportation project as a candidate for the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Transportation Discretionary Grant administered by the US DOT and directing the City Manager to identify options for the required local matching funds.

<b>Fiscal Note</b>	This item has no fiscal impact in FY 2018, but will have a fiscal impact in year 2020.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	<p>April 26, 2018- Council approved Resolution No. 20180426-028, which adopted the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Construction Program on a 9-0 vote, with Council Member Garza off the dais and with Council Member Troxclair absent.</p> <p><b>August 18, 2016</b>- Council passed Resolution No. 20160818-074, which included information on the projects to be included in the Mobility Bond on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voting nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.</p> <p><b>August 18, 2016</b> - Council passed Ordinance No. 20160818-023, which ordered a special election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for transportation and mobility on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voted nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.</p> <p><b>October 6, 2016</b>- Council approved Ordinance No. 20161006-056, which amended the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Map and Attachments for the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative Master Plan on a 9-0 vote, with Council Member Zimmerman abstaining and Council Member Troxclair absent.</p> <p><b>December 11, 2014</b>-Council approved Resolution No. 20141211-120, which adopted the Colony Park Master Plan and directed the City</p>

	<p>Manager to evaluate funding options for implementation on consent with a 7-0 vote.</p> <p><b>December 11, 2014-</b> Council approved Ordinance No. 20141211-197, which amended the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan by adopting the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative Master Plan and Design Guidelines on a 7-0 vote.</p>
<p><b>For More Information</b></p>	<p>Rebecca Giello, 512-974-3045; Olivia Parker, 512-974-7857</p>

**Additional Backup Information:**

This action will authorize the City of Austin to seek funding for mobility improvements from the US Department of Transportation (DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant.

City staff are pursuing one application for the US DOT BUILD grant, the construction of Colony Loop Drive (Council District 1).

There is an estimated \$105 million of available federal funding to be allocated over a five year period to Texas urban areas with no one award to a project exceeding \$25 million. A municipality is limited to submitting a maximum of three projects under this Notice of Funding Opportunity.

**Colony Loop Drive Project**

Colony Loop Drive is an application by the Economic Development Department for the construction of Colony Loop Drive, a Complete Streets project located in Council District 1 incorporating high quality pedestrian, bicycle, and sustainable infrastructure. This project addresses the existing, disconnected segments of Colony Loop Drive, which connect to Decker Lane to the east and Loyola Lane on the southwest, as well as the completion of the missing section of street between these two segments. Preliminary engineering for the existing east and west segments of Colony Loop Drive are included in the 2016 Mobility Bond.

The project serves as a critical connection for the existing adjacent neighborhoods and will provide safe access to schools, transit, and health services. Additionally, Colony Loop Drive will be an essential east-west connector for the Colony Park Sustainable Communities Development, a catalytic redevelopment project for far-east Austin and the Eastern Crescent. The completion of Colony Loop Drive is called for in the Council-adopted Colony Park Sustainable Communities Initiative Master Plan (Resolution No. 20141211-197). The construction of Colony Loop Drive meets the requirements and intent of the BUILD grant and, if awarded, will have significant local impacts on transportation and economic revitalization in the eastern Austin/Travis County area while advancing the implementation of the Colony Park

Sustainable Master Plan through the leveraging of local funds. There is a minimum required local match in the amount of 20% of the total project cost. The Economic Development Department will continue to look for funding options to increase the percentage of local match, which would increase the competitiveness of the application.

Project	Limits	Owner	Total Dollars	Federal Dollars Requested	Local Dollar Match
Colony Loop Dr	Loyola Lane to Decker Lane	Rebecca Giello, Economic Development Department	<b>\$9,652,000</b>	\$7,721,600	\$1,930,400 (Cert. of Obligation)

**Next Steps**

If Council authorizes this item, final applications will be submitted by July 18, 2018 and the scoring of the projects will ensue immediately after. The FY 18 Appropriations Act mandated BUILD Transportation grant awards by December 18, 2018. The BUILD transportation funds will be obligated by September 30, 2020, and must be expended by September 30, 2025.

These projects are considered a baseline program that must be continued with or without grant funding.